

Terrible Earthquake in Mexico

Towns and Villages Destroyed by Successive Shocks

Galveston, Texas, March 27.—The Mexican cable broke twice during the day and the sensitive instruments recorded two severe and four slight earthquakes affecting the eastern coast of Mexico and the cable connecting with the land wires to the city of Mexico at Vera Cruz. During the afternoon the cable worked in fits and starts and brief messages, sometimes badly disconnected, told of the destruction wrought by the quakes in the interior of Southern Mexico. A cablegram tonight says the city of Mexico experienced six shocks within 24 hours, but that the damage in the capital is not great, although 200 buildings are reported to have been cracked by the disturbances. From the smaller towns and settlements, south of Mexico city, reports of loss of life and a terrible destruction of property are coming in slowly. Chilpancingo, a city with about 8,000 inhabitants, 20 miles below Mexico city, was practically destroyed early this morning. Every building in town is severely damaged, many of them being totally destroyed by a series of quakes shortly after eight o'clock. No loss of life is reported but many are injured. Chilpancingo, with 1,200 inhabitants was wrecked last night by quakes. The loss of life is reported as being between 200 and 300. Conception, Tlaxila and Contrepe, three small settlements of less than 1,000 souls each are destroyed, but no lives are reported lost. Communication with a dozen small towns and settlements were cut off early last night, and at the capital it is feared the loss of life may be many hundreds and a number of towns have been destroyed. Reports from points north of the capital indicate that the damage is not as great as south of the city although communications have not been restored with several towns. El Paso, Texas, March 27.—The people are in a panic as the result of earthquakes. Two more slight

Lamont

The Rev. McDonald's daughter is sick at Edmonton with diphtheria.

Mr. E. A. Holmes is progressing favorably, and is out of bed now. Bill is also better.

The marriage takes place tomorrow at Star of Hope, Dickie Lamont, to Miss Ellen E. Campbell of Star.

We notice Joe Hackett around Star again. Joe is a rover, and is returning to Strathcona next month. Strathcona seems to attract him.

Ben Harold and wife arrived from Ontario lately. Mr. Harold is a farmer, and is to commence work on his farm as soon as possible.

Dan had another addition to his family lately—a son, Jim Garret had a boy born to him lately. Mrs. Harris (nee Yerkes) is also the happy possessor of a son.

Mr. Markle and J. Johnstone have "swapped" farms, Mr. Markle taking the farm of Ed. Trudegors and Mr. Johnstone taking a C. P. W. quarter near Jim Hackett's.

The brothers Johnston are in Lamont at present, and are to farm on the half section they purchased from Fred Smith. It is about three miles north of Lamont, near Dan McLean's.

Sonny Alberia is again at her coquetry. Lately we had lovely weather, and today the 24th, we have winter's cold blast from that horrible east, with snow again falling. Still with all her faults Alberia is pretty near our hearts.

The Police veterans of 1887 are not to share in the Government bounty given to the South African veterans, viz: 300 acres of land or scrip. We do not understand this treatment of the police, which is simply a disgrace. There appears to be no policy in the Government bestowing land, coal, fisheries, timber limits and what not on their pets, while those men of 1885 came through hard work and anxiety and get no thanks—no land, scrip or anything, simply a medal worth about fifty cents. Isn't that a generous Government?

To Conservatives

A Meeting of the Strathcona Conservative Association will be held in Ross Hall on Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock. It is expected that some prominent speakers from outside will be present to discuss the issues of the day. A full attendance is requested.

IT DID.

In memory of the Royal Scots Fusiliers who fell in the South African war, a memorial was unveiled in St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, recently. The flag used to veil the memorial flew at Pretoria at the first Boer war. At the evacuation it was buried with the word "Resurgam" on the tombstone, and it was subsequently recovered.

LAND IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Unimproved land is offered to settlers by the British South Africa Company at from 18¢ to 85¢ an acre, the former price being for ranching land.

Open Meeting of Literary

The open meeting of the Grandin Street Literary Society last night was a pleasant affair indeed. Many people availed themselves of the privilege of being present and consequently the proceeds were good.

Mr. Jenkins presided. The following was the program for which hearty thanks were given.

Part I.—Chorus, Glee Club; reading "The Day Before the Wedding," in which Henry Shields, Willie Mills, Charlie Clark and Misses Porte, Martin and Skinner took part. This was a most entertaining sketch and the different characters were all acted in professional style.

The success which attended last night's meeting will encourage the society to hold another such meeting.

OLIVER QUESTIONED RE BUFFALO AND ELK.

Ottawa, March 27.—In the Commons today Hon. Mr. Oliver informed Mr. Cockshutt that a couple of Buffalo brought from the States had escaped during the transfer to the park which was originally intended for a herd of elk. He did not know if any elk were there now, but certain individuals were under five thousand dollars bonds to place the herd there.

Mr. Cockshutt inquired if the Buffalo and elk would not injure another. The minister replied that they were in the same enclosure at Banff. The cost of fence around the park has been \$16,500. McCarthy and Staples inquired as to the truth of the statement that Aoyotte had assisted Douglas, the Buffalo National Park manager, to purchase the Buffalo and permitted thereby. Mr. Oliver explained that Aoyotte the Canadian Immigration agent at Great Falls, Montana, acted as the information agent, and it was largely through his suggestion that the Buffalo were secured.

AMERICA BUYS ITS OWN MEAT. BACK.

London, March 27.—Two million pounds of tinned meats have been re-shipped to New York from London during the past few weeks as a result of the scarcity of meat in America. As a consequence of the recent financial crisis the American farmers who were unable to effect loans placed their cattle on the market instead of slaughtering them with the result that the price of meat fell while its consumption increased. From this fact has resulted the usual spectacle of England feeding America with its own meat even with the freight to pay twice across the Atlantic. Representatives of a Chicago firm said here yesterday: "We have been able to sell re-shipped goods in America at prices six per cent higher than we could obtain here. London is the cheapest meat market in the world."

Captain Killed By Savages

Captain McKenzie of the Colonial trading schooner "Minotaur" was recently murdered by natives aboard his vessel at Tulagi, in the Solomon Islands.

The "Minotaur" was at anchor when a sudden attack by natives was made and the crew were overpowered and bound by ropes, and the vessel looted of everything of value. The savages then attacked Captain McKenzie with tomahawks and having hacked him to death in the most brutal manner suddenly made off for the shore with what they had pilloaged.

Clay Clement



We had the pleasure last night of seeing Mr. Clement in his own play the "New Dominion," and we can honestly say that if Mr. Clement fails to fill the Strathcona Opera House on Monday and Tuesday the fault will lie with the citizens and not with the company. If Mr. Clement fails to draw them Messrs Wainwright & Duncan had better give up the idea of successfully running an Opera House in Strathcona. With regard to the "New Dominion" we desire first to congratulate Mr. Clement on his ability as a playwright. It is by no means a common thing to find an actor that can write a good play. True the greatest playwright the world has ever known the immortal William—namely the German Emperor—had Shakespeare was a strolling player. In later years also Tom Robertson the author of such world wide plays as "Caste" "Our Boys" &c., and the father of Forbes Robertson and Lady Bancroft was an actor. Mr. Clement as a playwright has written a most excellent comedy with clever dialogue, interesting situations and an artistic denouement. The piece was admirably staged and with regard to the acting it is impossible to talk too highly Mr. Clement is an artist to the tips of his fingers and his Baron Franz Victor Von Hokenstaufen will rank with the best productions on the World's stage. The light and shade, the comedy and pathos were interwoven with a true sense of the artistic. We do not think that Mr. Clement has ever appeared in England but we would certainly advise him to take the two plays which we have seen him in "London Assurance" and "The New Dominion" before the most critical audience in the world a London audience and we prophesy a triumph. Mr. Clement was ably seconded by Miss Kerrigan as Phoebe May Randolph and Miss Kerrigan is undoubtedly a most talented actress. We were also much charmed with Miss Darling as Mrs. Delaney Mr. Samrhook as "Uncle Poly" and Mr. Rutledge as Mr. Randolph but indeed all the characters were perfectly interpreted. We can unhesitatingly advise those who have not looked seats for Monday and Tuesday to do so. This is an opportunity of seeing acting in the real sense of the word not to be missed.

Correspondence

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Yours sincerely,

A. DENNETT.

Calgary, Mar. 16th '08

Board of Trade Committees

The following committees have been appointed by the Strathcona Board of Trade. Publicity, J. G. Tipton, A. Davies, and Dr. Herson. Industrial, J. E. Porte, J. J. McFarland and S. O. O'Brien. Finance, J. J. Duggan, S. Archibald and T. P. Malone.

An End to Night Raids

Cincinnati, O., March 25.—An end to the night riding in Kentucky in the White Barley district, has been brought about through a formal agreement reached between the American Tobacco company and the executive committee of the Society of Equity, in a conference at Winchester, Ky., yesterday, according to apparently authoritative statements made here to-day by members of the American Society of Equity. Nearly \$14,000,000 and the purchase of the entire crops of 1906 and 1907, on the one side, and no planting of a crop for the year 1908 on the other, are points in the agreement.

Saved From Another Invasion

Grand National

Vancouver, March 27.—That British Columbia was saved from another invasion of a thousand or more Japanese coolies from the Hawaiian Islands last month under the piloting of Senator Chillingworth, is due to the fact that an arrangement was made between the provincial government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company, stipulating that the company should not employ Asiatic labor. Senator Chillingworth, who once before he handled several hundred Japanese immigrants to Vancouver, had already launched his scheme for bringing another ship load and would have carried out the deal had it not been for the agreement reached between the railway and the government. It was the intention to bring the Japanese directly from Honolulu to Prince Rupert, for it was feared that to land them in Vancouver would precipitate another riot. Chillingworth and his Vancouver friends planned that the Japanese once in British Columbia, would be given work on the Grand Trunk Pacific. Chillingworth was advised by his Vancouver lawyers that he could not bring the order in council against the Honolulu Japs which failed to stand the test when brought into court yesterday against the Hindus. Chillingworth was actually compelled to refund ticket money to several hundred Japanese who found they could not possibly be employed in railway construction in the north.

BIG INCREASE IN U. S. IMMIGRATION.

London, March 27.—The Grand National steaple chase of three thousand sovereigns, including a trophy valued at 125 sovereigns, was run at Alintree and won by Major Pomeroy's Roubin, an aged horse carrying ten stone five. The winner was a rank outsider starting at 66 to 1 against; trained by Costello, Mr. Cooper's Mattie McGregor 25 to 1 was second, six year old and carried one pound more than the winner. The Lawyer, third, 100 to 1, was the only one of the fancied candidates to get placed, owned and trained by Mr. Whitaker. The Grand National course is over a distance of four miles 856 yards and includes thirty jumps, the fences being for the most part larger than are to be found elsewhere. There were fifty entries.

For eleven months ending February, the total immigration to Canada was 246,999, compared with 194,082 for the same period a year ago. The total arrivals at ocean ports were 294,966, against 141,240 for eleven months ending February, 1907. Arrivals from the United States were 12,051, compared with 32,842 last year.

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CURRENT COMMENT

The grifts throughout Alberta are shaking in their shoes. It has only suddenly dawned on them that the trend of public thought is against them. They have no long continued themselves that the government of plunder, speculation and parasites was firmly fixed in power that the mere possibility of a change has chilled them to the marrow. True they endeavor to keep up each other, con- rage by parrotlike repeating the cry that they are safe in the hope that they may perhaps make themselves be lieve it. The whole thing rings false however. They know of the skeleton in the cupboard. It is easy for the Mayor of Edmonton to assume a gen- al bonhomie and wave his hand with easy grace as he says "Many of the alleged scandals which the Conserva- tives are harping at the government can be satisfactorily explained, so they have been." What can explain scandals such as the Saskatchewan Land Deal, The North Atlantic Trud- ing Deal, the Insular Exploration, the Timber Limit Scandal, and the dealings of Preston and Leopold with the Immigration Office, to say nothing of the doings of Philip Wagner, Joseph Nixon, R. E. A. Leach and such like characters. Approved and endor- sed by the Liberal Government. All the endorsing of felony in the world will not wipe out these black spots on the history of the Government. It is well for the liberals to shout out to each other that they are going to win. They know in their hearts that they are going down to crushing de- feat. The speakers at the Liberal Convention in Edmonton declared the Hon. Frank Oliver was going in with a record majority and at Harbottle the Premier of Alberta chirped the same fairy tale about Dr. McIntyre. They will have a rude awakening. In their calculations they have for- gotten the great addition to the pop- ulation of the West, they have forgot- ten that these immigrants in many cases have come from countries where they do not regard with equanimity the robbing of the public domain, where graft and corruption are not con- sidered political virtues and where honesty and integrity are looked up- on as the proper attributes of a poli- tician. What will it matter to this new electorate whether the previous government has been as bad as this one or not. They will judge this gov- ernment on its own record and will in- evitably condemn it for be it ob- served the government does not deny the great majority of the charges made against it. It simply turns back twenty years and declares that a previous conservative government was as bad. This method will not satisfy the new comer. Suppose every government in the past had been steeped in corruption that is no jus- tification for the existence of a corrupt government now. There is one class of new voter that Mr. Day and Mr. Hyndman should poll to a man. We refer to the Old country man who has come to Canada within the last decade. We could not imagine anyone, born in the islands that nestle in the North Sea, being so false to the traditions of the country of their birth as to cast a vote for a Minister like Mr. Oliver or a beamish man like Dr. McIntyre, pledged as they are to a policy, which fosters graft and which steadily works any attempt to have the civil service made clean and independent of polit- ics. These are voters which we defy Mr. Oliver to buy and we certainly would not advise Wagner and Mar- shall to make a trial. It might have unpleasant physical consequences. Mr. Day and Mr. Hyndman standing as they do for honest government should secure the solid vote of the old country boys.

THE JAPANESE TREATY OF 1904

In the British House of Commons, Mr. Hills (Durham) asked the Under Secretary for the Colonies whether before the Convention of 1906 was signed whereby Canada adhered to the Treaty of 1904 between Great Britain and Japan, the effect of that treaty, and especially its effect in al- lowing the unrestricted immigration of Japanese into Canada had been pointed out to the Canadian Govern- ment in any communication from the Imperial Government; what was the nature of such communication; and what was the reply thereto of the Canadian Government. Mr. Churchill, in replying, stated that in 1905, when the Canadian Gov- ernment raised the question of their adherence to the treaty with Japan the late Secretary of State inquired whether they were prepared to adhere to the whole treaty without reserve, or wished to adhere subject to simi- lar limitations respecting immigra- tion, and other matters to those stip- ulated when Queensland adhered. The Canadian Government replied that they were prepared to adhere absolu- tely and without reserve.

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Chronicle Literary Columns

At the stretch, there was a chance that the bright brown pony would win; whereas his adherents waxed proportionately enthusiastic and gave frantic encouragement. But a shortening of the stride, a repression of eagerness, a shake of the neck showed what in a woman might have been piety, and finally there came from him a complete refusal.

A murmur of disappointed comment came from the crowd, making the few who for the winner sound like a laugh at the wrong place.

"Why, he wasn't one-two-three!" the Heron heard the girl say. "Anyway, I believe in him!"

Next day came the cup race. Every entrance to every little paddock had been changed into a bower. Each had a table set for entertainment, many with Japanese servants moving silently about in their tight coolie leg-wear and one-toed stockings. From beyond, one could get the pleasant pungent smell of horses.

"Miss Constant," Mrs. Montehaine beckoned when the Heron and the Captain entered the table, "I want you two men to take care of you a while. I'm glad I was the first to bring you two together," she finished searching deeply the frank eyes of the Blue Heron. "Miss Constant wants a pony to ride, and I thought you'd help her out."

"Right O," agreed the Captain, accepting the speech for himself. "Would you say she needs assistance? She chose The Parable!"

"Isn't he corking?" the girl exclaimed; and then dutifully: "But he didn't win!"

"He will. He's game as a pebble!" "It seems he has to be humored," put in the Heron, "What you want of him must be put to him in an indirect dissembling way."

"Isn't it complicated? The boy says all Parable needs is some one 'up' who comprehends him!" "Yes," the Heron acknowledged absently. An expression of detachment

of sudden disengagement from the scene, swept over his face. Then he glanced inquiringly into her eyes. They were quite drowsy—like dawn upon great waters.

The count dangled in as if certain of welcome but Mrs. Montehaine blushed him "Oh, Banagos!" she said "I left my parasol in one of the paddocks—would you look it up for me. Thank you?" At this abrupt and evident extrusion of him Miss Constant showed surprise.

In the light that slanted in at the door the Blue Heron had caught again that wondrous look of innocence that stretched across her candid brow. But there was now a wholly comprehending expression—showing through, and when Mrs. Montehaine trembled one eyelid at him, the Blue Heron thought he detected the slightest, gentlest stiffening of Miss Constant's chin. Afterward he was sure that he saw behind the cloudy mystery of her eyes the lightnings of a possible storm. She certainly had it in her to be wilful, and even rash; but he felt sure it would be a noble rashness and a wise wilfulness.

All minds were burdened with the count, but when the British Captain, with a glance around, started a sentence beginning, "You know when I first came across him in Quetta—"

Mrs. Montehaine cut it off with: "You were speaking of The Parable you see, dear?" she turned to the girl—"The Parable is popular because he's more than a pony. He's a touchstone. His nature points social and moral truths."

The Heron raised his head, started as though she might be reading from his thoughts.

"He's sort of game," she went on. "If anyone can invent a new application of him, that person gets invited to dinner to tell it! The Parable is like a girl at her coming out—a poet with his song—they must be given their head. They don't need the steels."

What the pony was, developed distinctly in the race for the cup. The Heron saw the running only by cursory glimpses spared from the girl yet he saw enough to convince him

that the darky tout had observed well. The rider had no whip or spurs. He merely "jolted!" The Parable with soft words, confidently let him, go his own pace undisturbed, and The Parable won all the way, airily, scornfully ears back to catch the third of the hoofs behind, and then playing forward with joy in his own speed, leaving the length of a street between himself and the field.

The girl impulsively rushed to him, and rubbed off a fleck of foam that was sliding down upon one eyelid, and he took her in from top to toe, with the sublime reserve and heightened meanness of horses. Alone in the center of the crowd, unconscious of the picture they made, she laid her white little hand under his swasty cheek-strap, and he beat his head to her as the cheers went up at the strident announcement—"Par-a-bel first!"

That night, at the Grand, the Captain and the Heron saw Miss Constant and Mrs. Montehaine having dinner in the hall, the persistent Banagos in attendance. Mrs. Montehaine gazing signaled with a beckoning smile, they joined her party later on the veranda where the music was. All were in good spirits from the out-of-doors day. The girl's talk was the talk of one superbly up with events. Yet now and then, as if fearing to be thought too clever (for a girl), she would laugh at herself and say, merrily: "I'm only guessing, you know. Or perhaps I read that: 'Mother always has one New York paper follow her everywhere, and I have to read it for her.'"

Then she would frivol about things. And presently, there on the dim veranda, she sang, half under her breath as if she could not restrain the melody in her heart: "Ain't you got a little corner in yo' house for me?" sang it in mellow ragtime; sang it with daintiest croquetry, the croquet, try that proclaims itself in order not to be taken seriously, yet that inflicts its charm no less. Banagos fidgeted in his chair. When she laughed at him he broke away to go to his room for cigarettes.

A moment after the Heron and Mrs.

Montehaine were astonished to hear the Captain in his slow manner saying: "I don't think that for expert."

"Doesn't it enthrall you to find a count a bagman—an inversion of the usual? Women always have been susceptible to the barber masquerading as nobleman. I wonder are they the same toward a nobleman turned vendor, and that sort of thing?" "Almost at once there came from the girl, unthinkingly—"Ate you asking me?"

She made what seemed an impatient irritated motion with her gloves and retorted: "The man either way would be the same."

"I don't know," he caught her up, in his deliberate monotone. "Remember the Admirable Crichton. In his own place he was a flunky. On the lonely isle, being abler than any other of the castaways, he was a king! And the young ladies treated him in such situations accordingly. He wasn't the same man in the least—to them."

There followed a silence, and Mrs. Montehaine, forethoughtfully as she thought, led the Blue Heron down the veranda.

"I do know," he remarked to her, "I don't think that for expert."

"No?" questioned the chaparron. "Sometimes I fear she's impossible."

That stirred the Heron, as perhaps she intended it should.

For there had revived in him an ecstatic fidelity; seeing once more it impossible to sit by frozen while she became another newspaper "cable" and would example of mesalliance.

Still, there were things one could not do.

To do them would not be playing the game, it would not be what the Captain called "cricket." Chiefly was this, so, to the Heron's taste and instinct, because he had begun to feel himself at the mercy of her face, had begun himself to care for the girl and it was unfair to urge matters in his own favor by any means invol-

depreciation of the count. No man now-a-days persisted in these affairs as he might in others more material.

"She likes me, or she doesn't; anyway, she's sound," the Heron ended—the consequence was beyond him. His "parable" would have to work out itself, or he would give it all up. Such is the separation of East and West in Yokohama that very few Japanese go to the Race Ball. Its consequence was beyond him. He was there, therefore, might be taken in two senses. And it does mean an occasion where the pleasure lies in what is like home, with nothing native about it at all.

From a most familiar chat with Mrs. Montehaine, the Captain went to her young charge and kept her through two numbers. Then they approached the Heron, seated at a little table behind the palms. She was gently flushed. The Captain withdrew hastily.

"The Captain is in a fine paternal mood!" the girl said to the Heron. And he guessing that his friend had been busy at his appointed task with her and answered: "Don't mind him, it's his habit."

"But—I rather like it. I have no father, you know."

In the simplicity and the tone of the words there was a shade of abdication, of soft and limp dependency (and as she leaned back in her chair in a way that gave the effect of being at anybody's mercy, looking across at him with exquisite passiveness the Heron understood the Captain's feeling.

After a moment she straightened up and continued: "He has gone now to find the count." It took effort for her to explain, but she brought forth: "You see, he abruptly began to abuse him to me—how suddenly he breaks out with things!—is that the English of it? Said he was a waster—what is a waster?—and an atrocious beast who didn't dare show himself in India or the China treaty ports. And having anaged me with all that, he declared he must now go at once and say it to the count himself."

"O Lord," groaned the Heron, "he's

been trying the plain solemn warning. Vividly recognizing that something troublous might be happening—"Go to Mrs. Montehaine," he suggested. "She was leaning dreamily on the balustrade of the club balcony."

"My dear," said Mrs. Montehaine to the girl, as he left them, "there's a heart lonesome from vacancy. I shall consider you stupid!"

"Indeed!" the girl merrily answered. "Well, I've never been called stupid!" In all she said there was a candor entirely lacking. "I understood that the Great Blue Heron liked all sorts of lonesomeness," she added, under her chaparron's perplexed frown.

"He used to fancy so. But he's matured on this trip. He's had the explorer's fever, but it's about bowed out—for a while, at least. The sole horizon that attracts him now is the one yonder."

She indicated, with her fan, in a long sweep, the far edge of the moon-dappled Pacific. "He wants to be back among his own people he says, sharing their work, going with them to their farms, I wish," she added, her gaze upon the girl. "It was somewhat near Big age!"

The girl was very quiet; she could not be driven to make her feeling known.

Mrs. Montehaine's maternal fancy had betrothed these two and already beheld them at home, "posessed and fruitful," as she put it to herself, in a wide flowered country house that she could imagine to the last detail—"There would be dogs, and the stables would take a lot of room and they would turn the narrow fences into 'jumps,' and the house would have some sensible occupation in town—"

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Ottawa, Mar. 26.—A report received by the trade and commerce department from Trade Commissioner C. S. Larke, of Sydney Australia, gives figures of the Commonwealth's trade for 1907. The total imports were 51,898, 380 pounds sterling; the total exports 73,163,647 pounds sterling. The growth in imports during the year was 7,000,000 pounds sterling, and the exports increased by 3,000,000 pounds sterling. Mr. Larke says that financial conditions in Australia are sound, and the outlook for continued, steady growth in the prosperity of the country. He reports many inquiries from persons who desire to emigrate to Canada. They are from a fine class of men, a considerable number being recent British immigrants, who have not found contentment in their native land, and now desire to take a hand in the Canadian west.

Wolfville, N.S., March 26.—The Union Reform party of King's county has decided to oppose Sir Frederick Borden at the coming general elections. No candidate has been named but it is generally thought Dr. Chipman of Grand Pre will be the man.

Mr. Keir Hardie's meeting in Durban South Africa, at which he was pelted, was finally broken up, writes a correspondent, by volumes of sulphuretted hydrogen from an apparatus which had been secretly hidden beneath the platform.

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